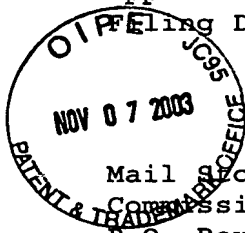


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Consider the unentered amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 16, 2003.

2. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

3. X Enclosed is/are

 X Amendment (including transmittal)/Reply.

 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS).

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 X Other (identify):

Petition For Extension Of Time including a check in the amount of \$110.00.

4. Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 is claimed.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status is enclosed.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status was previously filed and such status is still proper and desired.

5. X A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.

6. X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

 Any extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17).

 X Other fees (identify): any other required fees.

7. X Three copies of this transmittal are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this date with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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